

# Haxey Parish Council, Newsletter, September 2013

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## Best Kept Allotment Winners 2013



From left to right: - Cllr Nev Whitehead (judge), Mr & Mrs Toddhunter who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Best Kept Allotment full plot, Mrs Jarman who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the full plot category along with Mrs Evans, Mr David Storey who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Best Kept 1/2 plot, Mr Westerman who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the full plot category and Cllr David Knowles (Chairman) and Cllr Boor (judge). Well done also go to Chris Hinkley who came second in the Best Kept 1/2 plot and Mr & Mrs Elsom who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1/2 plot category.

## Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi has been installed into the Haxey Memorial Hall free of charge from the local authority, it is also hoped that this will also be installed into the Westwoodside Pavilion.

## Official Opening of the Jubilee Garden in Haxey



On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September a memorial garden to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was officially opened in Haxey by Wilf Lindley (pictured).

Wilf, a former Parish Councillor and one of Haxey's oldest residents actually planted the tree in 1947 from which some of the play pieces have been cleverly sculpted by local resident Colin Matthias. As well as representatives from Haxey Parish Council, several children from Haxey pre-school joined in the opening ceremony and thoroughly enjoyed playing on the wooden mushroom stools, table and other toys. The memorial garden, which has been sited on Dr Dyson's garden, has been funded from the sale of Haxey Jubilee calendars and is a fitting finale to the wonderful celebrations a year ago.

## New Councillor

The Parish Council received 6 applications in total for the Parish Council vacancy and was very pleased with the response and enthusiasm from residents to join the Parish Council.

The Parish Council voted and welcomes new Councillor George Fiddler who will be joining the Council at their September meeting.

## Fracking

Haxey Parish Residents will no doubt be aware of the national "conversations" concerning the production of shale gas through the process of "fracking", which uses chemicals and high pressure water to fracture gas bearing rocks at extreme depths to release the gas. On the positive side, this process has been successfully used in the United States and has had a profound effect on the provision of US energy and it is hoped that a similar positive effect could be achieved in the UK. There has also been speculation that areas considered suitable for the process could receive funding for use by local communities. On the negative side, there are concerns that the "fracking" process could pollute water courses and also instigate local "earthquakes/earth tremors, which were indeed experienced in the North West of the UK at an experimental site and caused the site to be closed down.

Residents may also be aware of a recent article in the Epworth Bells, which specifically mentioned “fracking” and the villages of Westwoodside and Haxey. At the August Parish Council Meeting, the Council was addressed by Mrs Turner from Epworth, who expressed her concerns and those of Isle Residents about the potential for “fracking” operations to be carried out in our area. The Ward Councillor has also asked North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department if they were aware of any planning applications applying for “fracking” operations in the area to which the answer was none. In summary, the Parish Council is well aware of the national conversation on the “fracking” issue and to date it has not formally discussed the subject; however, it will continue to keep the issue under review and will bring it to the Council agenda should any substantive information emerge.

If Residents have any information, concerns or views they wish to share with the Parish Council on this issue, they are encouraged to contact the Parish Council Clerk or individual Parish Councillors.

### **Best Kept Village Results**

Haxey Playing Field won the best kept playground category this year with a comment of ‘this playground was a delight, well done!’

Haxey came third in the small town category.

Some of the comments made by the judges are as follows:-

Haxey

- The playground and sports facilities were both excellent.
- Hanging baskets and planters were very good.
- The churchyard was well cared for and the chapel was tidy.
- Some business premises could have done more to improve their appearance.
- Notice boards were very good.

Westwoodside

- All natural features were well maintained.
- Pretty planters in the village otherwise community planting was very sparse.
- Business premises – all well maintained.

The Parish Council hope to address some of the negatives received in the judging. A big thank you to those of you that provide excellent displays in your gardens and help keep the parish a nice place to live.